

Martinez became Co-Director and Trainer of the Independent Living Program for Adults and Teenagers. From there, Ms. Martinez became Director of the Foster Care Education Program. In 1995, Ms. Martinez was appointed Director/Associate Dean of Student Activities. In 1996, Ms. Martinez was promoted to Dean of Academic Affairs. Since 2000, she has served as temporary Vice President of Workforce Education and Economic Development.

In addition to her professional contributions to the East Los Angeles College community, Ms. Martinez has spent her time and energy serving on numerous advisory committees for organizations like: East Los Angeles YMCA, Las Madras de Montebello, Friends of El Centro Mental Health Center, Latinas Partners for Health HIV/AIDS, and many others. Ms. Martinez's commitment to the community and hard work earned her various awards, such as: the Mexican American Alumni Award, 1992; National Head Start Latino Leadership, 2000; and Director of the Year-Foster Care Education, 1994.

Ms. Martinez currently resides in Hacienda Heights, CA. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from California State University of Los Angeles and a Master of Arts degree from University of San Francisco.

It gives me great pride to honor and congratulate Renee D. Martinez for achieving the position of permanent Vice President of Workforce Education and Economic Development at East Los Angeles College and her many contributions to our community.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE RUSTY CANNON MOTEL

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to pay tribute to the Rusty Cannon Motel for its contributions to the business community of Rifle, Colorado. The Rusty Cannon was recently awarded the "Business of the Year" award by the Rifle Chamber of Commerce in recognition of the faith and quality service that the motel's owners have shown through the establishment's 20 years in operation.

Opening its doors in Rifle on May 1, 1982, the Rusty Cannon Motel was built to accommodate the oil shale boom which had significantly increased the demand for lodging in the area. When a major oil producer pulled the plug on their oil shale operations in the region only one day later, the Rusty Cannon's owners—Bob Cross, Dennis Foster and Bob McMichael—were forced to rethink their plans for the newly-built 89-room hotel.

After 20 years of successful operation, the Rusty Cannon's celebration of this impressive anniversary serves as a testament to the ingenuity, faith and management prowess of the motel's ownership. The Rusty Cannon's success has truly been a community effort, with managers Bunny and Larry Rohrig crediting the high quality of the local housekeeping and front desk help for much of the success which the establishment has enjoyed over its two decades of operation.

Mr. Speaker, it is with pride that I take this opportunity to bring the Rusty Cannon Motel's

twentieth anniversary to the attention of this body of Congress and congratulate managers Bunny and Larry Rohrig on being named the 2001 Business of the Year by the Rifle Chamber of Commerce. The devotion and hard work which has been invested by the Rusty Cannon's owners, managers and staff to make this motel a successful enterprise has been a shining example of the American ingenuity which makes our nation great.

NATIONAL SERVICE DAY

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2002

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise, as all Americans should rise in support of service to the greatest Nation in the history of the world.

As we speak, American men and women are in harms way across the world fighting terrorist enemies who only nine short months ago launched an unprecedented assault against our Nation, our people and our institutions. Above all, they launched an assault against the values and principles of freedom and liberty that are the very foundation of our Republic, and the reason that we are the model for democracy all across our planet.

America is the terrorist's worst nightmare, for we are truly a guiding lamp of liberty, a model of justice that men and women all over the world flock to each year, an extraordinary place where the children of immigrants became as much Americans as the descendants of the Mayflower.

There are many ways to serve America's freedom. We are proud of our sons and daughters who risk their lives to protect our liberty. Their military courage inspires us.

But there are other ways to serve America. There are other ways to strengthen the United States, to strengthen our pluralism, to extend the American dream across our continent.

Mr. Speaker, in this time of national crisis, it is time for Americans to pay back to this country in ways both large and small, some of the great gifts that this Nation, and this land, and this system have given to all of our people.

I remember as a child hearing the stirring words of John Fitzgerald Kennedy calling Americans to service around the world in the Peace Corps.

I remember the words and programs of Lyndon Baines Johnson building the Great Society—from Head Start to Community Action Programs to Legal Services for the Poor. He fulfilled President Kennedy's dream with the formation of the domestic Peace Corps—VISTA—Volunteers in Service to America.

I recall the words of President George Herbert Walker Bush in his Points of Light initiative to expand volunteerism in America.

And I recall the words of President Bill Clinton when, as one of the first initiatives of his presidency, he sought the creation of the AmeriCorps program to encourage more young Americans to serve their country.

And today, I am proud of the determination, and the commitment, and the idealism of the thousands of Americans who serve in AmeriCorps.

I am stirred by the passion of thousands of young Americans, straight out of college with

endless possibilities to make huge salaries, who have chosen instead to give two years back to their Nation in the extraordinary Teach For America program. One of those American patriots is Sarah Siegel, the daughter of my own Chief of Staff.

Mr. Speaker, there are all kinds of courage in this world. Civil courage is every bit as significant as military courage. The thousands of volunteers demonstrate courage every day by sacrificing their time to help their fellow citizens. I am proud to witness this strength of character in America.

Mr. Speaker, there are many ways to demonstrate character in the new millennium. But I suggest to you today, as we celebrate National Service Day, that a fundamental demonstration of American character, values and commitment to the future, is service to our Nation.

President Kennedy challenged Americans with his call to "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country,"—and America has responded.

On this day, I praise all who are paying to their Nation and their communities, and accepting the personal responsibilities inherent in citizenship. I pray that their good work, and their good deeds, and their good hearts, will become a model for generations of Americans yet unborn, on how to be a responsible citizen of the United States of America.

DECLARING COLORADO OPEN FOR BUSINESS

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2002

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise to announce that Colorado is open for business! Recently, in great State of Colorado has been the focus of a lot of attention because of the fires. However, the fires are burning only in one-percent of the state and much of our beautiful state has not been affected by fire.

Many people associate Colorado with winter sports like skiing and snowboarding, but there is no where on Earth during the summertime like Colorado. Our state is home to fifty-three 14,000-foot peaks that are ready to be conquered, several creeks and rivers ripe for fishing or rafting, and numerous golf courses and mountain bike and hiking trails.

Summer vacationers can take a ride on the Summer Ski Train to Winter Park. Music lovers can watch the sun set over the Rocky Mountains and take in the sounds of the National Repertory Orchestra in Breckenridge or at the Hot Summer Nights Concerts in Vail. Visit historic Central City and try your luck at one of the area's casinos. Or come to the River Run Annual Bluegrass and Beer Festival and Fiddle Contest and Bluegrass Concert in the Park Lane Pavilion at Keystone Resort. Sip on a tall cool one, grab a dance partner, marvel at the talents of the best fiddlers and watch the state's best lumberjacks compete for the title. And what would the Fourth of July be without the Greeley Independence Stampede, which is home to the largest Fourth of July Rodeo in the nation.

Mr. Speaker, we appreciate all that the nation has done to assist us in fighting wildland fire. But there is nothing like a summer in Colorado. Colorado is open for business. Come one, come all and enjoy Colorful Colorado.